

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2012
Freeway Medical Building
Room 906

Attendees: Andrea Martin (via phone), Barbara Kumpe, Bob West, Brett Stone, Charlotte Davis, Don Johnson, Michelle Smith, Paula Smith, Rosemary Rodibaugh

Absentees: Carole Garner, Connie Whitfield, Elton Cleveland, Jada Walker, Laura Bednar, Laura Sanders, Michelle Justus, Pam Jones, Tony Thurman

Substitutes: Hilary Trudell (Anna Strong)

Staff: Taniesha Richardson, Joy Rockenbach, Brittany Johnson

Next meeting: July 12, 2012

Business

- ❖ Barbara introduced Taniesha Richardson as the new Section Chief for the School Health Program and asked that everyone introduce themselves. Taniesha gave a brief introduction and stated that she was very excited about coming aboard.
- ❖ The May minutes were reviewed, but there was no quorum. Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

School Based Wellness Centers World Premier Video

- ❖ Jerri Clark, Joint Use Coordinator, showed a video on School-Based Wellness Centers. She explained that the video is not complete, but should be ready for release sometime in July 2012. Clips from the video highlighted the purpose and intent of school-based wellness centers and how important they are to the communities that they serve. The full video will be accessible on the Department of Education's website.

Ark-AAHPERD and Physical Activity Assessment in Elementary Students

- ❖ Brett Stone gave a brief overview on the mission and vision for Arkansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (ArkAHPERD). Brett also presented results from a study based on physical activity measurements in fourth grade students. The study included 97 participants and was used to determine how much physical activity requirements are being met by children each day or week during school based settings. The presentation included the methods used, the design, setting/sample, how data was collected, the conclusion, limitations, and recommendations.

CHAC Award

- ❖ Barbara announced that the information on the award will be provided to the schools and teachers in September. They will have until January to submit information. The awards will be announced in February or March.

Note to Legislators

- ❖ Barbara asked members to write thank-you notes to the governor and legislators for supporting the funding from tobacco settlement dollars that is used to fund CHAC and Tobacco Prevention Programs. She asked that copies of the letters be sent to her for her records.

Retreat Planning

- ❖ Results from the survey suggest that the majority of members would like the retreat to be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012. The planning committee is working to have the retreat on this date. Joy announced that the facilitator for the retreat will be Carla Sparks. The retreat will likely be held at Aldersgate in Little Rock.

Weight of the Nation Screening

- ❖ Barbara announced that they are in the process of working with Arkansas Children's Hospital to hold screenings for physicians and interested parties in the local communities. There will be a four-part series held on problems, consequences, children, and challenges. The American Heart Association, Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Children's Hospital, and Arkansas Center for Health Improvement will take on a segment each week during a brown bag lunch session. Each week each organization will show a one hour series, and afterwards there will be a 30 minute discussion.

Organization and Program Updates

Staff

- ❖ Joy announced that there will be new appointees to the committee coming in July 2012. Also, as part of the retreat a new member orientation will be included.

Department of Health

- ❖ Dr. West stated that he was delighted to have Taniesha on board. Dr. Smith announced that their latest newsletter was released on June 13th and "Weight of the Nation" is highlighted in that issue.

Department of Education

- ❖ Dr. Bednar was not present. Joy mentioned that the Department of Education and the State are working towards completing a waiver. There will be a percentage of Arkansas schools that will be considered priority schools. These schools will have someone from DOE in their districts or schools every week to help determine what needs to be done to bring up academic scores.

About 66 schools are expected to be on this list of priority schools. These schools will also be assessed on their health needs as well.

Child Nutrition Unit

- ❖ Sheila Brown was out at training. Charlotte announced that there is a new meal pattern that will start in the fall. The new meal pattern requires more fruits and vegetables.

School Based Wellness Centers

- ❖ Tamara Baker announced that three new sites have been funded. The application will be released earlier next year for new applicants. The School Based Wellness Centers video was shown earlier by Jerri Clark.

Hometown Health Initiative

- ❖ Kim Hooks provided copies of their newsletter. The newsletter highlighted trainings that will be held throughout the summer. She also announced that they have partnered with DOE for a Gatekeepers training that will be held on July 18-19, 2012 for the community health nurses. There are about 21 people signed up for this training at this time. They have been working with Donna Smiley to re-vamp their audiology presentation that will help to train school nurses.

Act 1220

- ❖ Joy reported that Michelle Justus asks that a small group get together to review the Child Health Report, district/ school reports, trend data reports, trainings and training manuals. Michelle should be able to report on this in September.

Act 1220 COPH Evaluation

- ❖ Joy reported on behalf of Jada who was not present. They are wrapping up the final year of evaluation and in the process of finishing up interviews.

Public Comment

- ❖ Don Johnson will be the new appointee for the Arkansas Parent Teacher Association.
- ❖ Dr. Smith introduced Jerrica Parrish, an intern from Philander Smith College that will be helping out with their Infant Mortality Project.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 A.M.